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THE PRESIDENT SUSTAINED.

The first legislative step forward has been taken towards the repeal of those laws which the president in his message to congress characterized as having been "so perverted from the intention with which they were enacted as to prompt the acquisition of large areas of the public domain for other than actual settlers, and the consequent prevention of settlement."

The senate committee on public lands by a close vote recommended the passage of the Quarles bill repealing the timber and stone act, the desert land act, and the commutation clause of the homestead act.

The following declaration of this report which was prepared by Senator Gibson, of Montana, will stand forth as a startling announcement and surprise to the people of the country who have believed that Uncle Sam still holds in reserve an unlimited supply of lands suitable for homes for the future children of the United States:

- "If our present system of land acts is continued five years...
- longer, the entire public domain suitable for settlement...
- will be exhausted, and there...
- will be no land left for our people who desire to make homes upon it.
- "During the first 90 days of the present fiscal year, \$109,000 acres of government land were filed upon. Should this increasing ratio be maintained, between 25 and 30 million acres will be taken from the public domain the present fiscal year."

About 500 million acres are now left of the public domain, but a small proportion only of this area can ever be made into productive homes; it is largely composed of mountain and gulch, incapable of irrigation or cultivation. The land laws as they now stand were drawn during a time when the public domain was almost an unlimited quantity, but the time has come, in fact, it had arrived many years ago, for the repeal of these laws and the saving of the remaining lands for actual settlement by the people.

The senate committee report says: "Instead of following the injunctions of President Jackson, Lincoln, Grant, Cleveland, Harrison, and Roosevelt, we are making all possible haste under our present most unfortunate land acts to turn over to wealthy men and corporations this rich heritage of the people. The population of the United States today, 50,000,000, will doubtless

Showing Age.

Some people begin to show age before the meridian of life is reached, or they prematurely gray, haggard and sickly, and seldom free from an ache or pain of some description. Cold feet, chilly sensations, stiffness in muscles and joints, weak stomach and poor digestion, lack of energy, and drowsiness, nervousness, etc., show that old age has been reached ahead of time. Bad blood and weak circulation more often produce these miserable feelings and signs of decay than anything else. An inherited taint or poison of some description is at work in the system, causing stagnation and a general unhealthy condition of the blood; and this, and not the weight of years, is dragging you down to an untimely old age and making life a protracted torture. For purifying the blood and toning up the circulation nothing is equal to S. S. S. It removes from the system all the waste matter that has been accumulating for years, and makes the blood rich and pure, stimulates the appetite and digestion, and invigorates the entire body.

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"This is the most radical legislation which has been proposed in a score of years. At the same time there is nothing in it to which the man has the welfare and true progress of the country at heart cannot cordially and earnestly subscribe. Yet the bill was almost unanimously voted down in the house public lands committee, and in the senate public lands committee received a barely sufficient vote to recommend its passage."

This action on the land question in the senate gives a tremendous impetus to the campaign which is afoot to prevent fraud and dishonesty in land matters. The bill will be immediately introduced in next congress; the president can be depended upon to give the question his unwavering support, and the matter will become an issue which no statesman or politician can afford to ignore.

It will be pretty hard work to convince the workingmen whose wages have been almost universally raised in the past two years that they want a change in political parties next year.

It was never so apparent before that the foolish filibustering that can be carried on in the senate not only detracts from the much-vaunted dignity of that body, but wastes the people's money.

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CONTEST NOTICE.

United States Land Office, Oregon City, Oregon, February 13, 1903.

A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by William H. Wilson, contestant, against homestead entry No. 14172, made June 6, 1902, for nw 1-4 section 28, township 7 n, range 9 w, by William Harrigan, in which it is alleged that contestant "knows the present condition of the same; also that the heirs of William Harrigan, entryman above named, now deceased, have wholly abandoned said claim for six months or more last past, and that he or they have never made settlement on said above described land; nor has he or his heirs ever made any improvements whatever on said claim; nor has he or they ever had any work done by other parties which would in any way constitute settlement required under the homestead laws and that said alleged absence from the said land was not due to his employment in the army, navy, or marine corps of the United States as a private soldier, officer, seaman or marine, during the war with Spain, or during any other war in which the United States may be engaged." Said parties, the heirs or legal representatives of said William Harrigan, deceased, are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said allegation at 10 o'clock a. m. on April 2, 1903, before the register and receiver at the United States land office in Oregon City, Oregon.

The said contestant having, in a proper affidavit, filed February 6, 1903, set forth facts which show that after due diligence personal service of this notice could not be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication.

GEO. W. BIDEE, Receiver.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

United States Land Office, Oregon City, Oregon, Dec. 27, 1902.

Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the states of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all public land states by act of August 4, 1892.

GEORGE C. BAIRD, one of the heirs of Frank C. Baird, deceased, of Portland, county of Multnomah, state of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 5996, for the purchase of lots 1, 2, 7 and 8 of section No. 22, in township No. 6 north, range No. 7 west, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the register and receiver of this office at Oregon City, Or., on Monday, the 16th day of March, 1903.

He names as witnesses: W. G. Prescott, Eli Foster, N. E. Foster, P. O. Wages, all of Astoria, Ore.
Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 16th day of March, 1903.
CHAS. B. MOORES,
1-6-3-10.
Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

United States Land Office, Oregon City, Oregon, Jan. 5, 1903.

Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the states of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all the public land states by act of August 4, 1892.

LAURA B. KIDDER, of Portland, county of Multnomah, state of Oregon, has this day filed in this office her sworn statement No. 6005, for the purchase of the southeast 1-4 of the southeast 1-4 of section 22 and west 1-2 of southwest 1-4 and 22 and west 1-4 of section No. 24, in township 5 n, range No. 9 w of W. M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish her claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at Oregon City, Oregon, on Monday, the 6th day of April, 1903.

She names as witnesses: Wm. Luce, Robert M. Fry, Lester M. Leland, and Edward J. Elliott, all of Seaside, Oregon.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 6th day of April, 1903.
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